# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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GLOBAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT INDEX
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether India and China are tied at Rank 39 in the recently released global Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) index compiled by Washington based IPR agency;

(b) if so, whether the Government admits that there is a correlation between property rights and gross domestic product; and

(c) If so, the details of the parameters on which these rankings are based?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): In the International Property Rights Index (IPRI) 2007 Report published by the Property Rights Alliance, Washington, DC, India and China are tied at Rank 39 in the IPRI with respect to Gender Equality (GE). However, in respect of Intellectual Property Rights, India is ranked 40 out of 70 in comparison to China's ranking of 57.

(b): While the Report alludes to a correlation between property rights and gross domestic product, there are differing perceptions on this subject. The Government believes that a credible intellectual property rights regime is beneficial to the economy on an overall basis.

(c): The GE ranking is stated to be based on factors, such as, women's access to land, women's access to property other than land, women's access to bank loans, property inheritance rules and women's social rights.